

Honorable Harley O. Staggers, Chairman  
Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Staggers:

This is in response to your request of February 9, 1971 for report and comment on H. R. 538, a bill "To direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a comprehensive study and investigation of the allocation of frequencies for telecommunications for the purpose of formulating an allocation system to achieve the maximum use of the frequencies for such communications."

While this Agency has no objection to the proposed bill, our review indicates that H. R. 538 assigns responsibilities to the Secretary of Commerce which duplicate in some measure the responsibilities of the Director of Telecommunications Policy whose functions were established by Executive Order No. 11556, dated September 4, 1970.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Counsel

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